

## British & American Degrees

Britain and the United States are the world's two leading countries for the quality of their universities, but there are actually radical differences in how students study in the two countries.

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In the United States, undergraduate degrees are structured into two parts – general education and major. In the general education phase, students study a broad range of subjects – art, science, English, mathematics, humanities, and a foreign language. Only then do students select a single subject as the focus of their degrees – their major. Altogether, degrees take at least four years.

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In Britain, students study a single subject (or sometimes two) for their entire university degree, which usually takes three years. In Britain, final exams happen only once, at the end of the third year, whereas in America, they happen twice or even three times each year at the end of each topic.

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The quality of the teaching in both countries is high, but the type of education can be different, with Americans studying more broadly and incrementally and British students being more focused, with high-stakes exams at the end.

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What phase do American degrees have that British degrees do not?

How much longer does it take to complete an American degree than a British degree?

Which kind of degree would you prefer to study?